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## Utah Department of Health Announces New Director of Vital Statistics

(Salt Lake City, UT) – The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is pleased to announce that Jeffrey D. Duncan, M.S., has accepted the position as Director for the Office of Vital Records and Statistics. Duncan replaces Barry E. Nangle, Ph.D., who was promoted to the Director of the UDOH's Center for Health Data.

"Duncan's background in health informatics, research, and statistics, as well as his experience over the last six years in Office of Vital Records and Statistics have prepared him for this new position," says Dr. Barry Nangle, Director, Center for Health Data. "Jeffrey has been a major contributor to the development of new systems, services and statistical products over the past few years in vital records. He will be key to the continued progress of these efforts."

Duncan will oversee the registration, certification, and statistics sections within the Office of Vital Records and Statistics. He will be responsible for vital records operations across the 12 local health districts that register death certificates and certify birth and death events.

All births in Utah are now registered electronically. One of Duncan's goals is to have all death events registered electronically. Duncan also plans to publish statistical reports on a quarterly basis and feature historical reviews of public health trends in Utah. Duncan will also oversee annual reports on Births and Deaths, Abortions, Marriages and Divorces in Utah.

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Duncan graduated from the University of Utah in 1995 where he received a Master of Science degree in Medical Informatics. He began his career in vital records as an UDOH Information Analyst in 1997. Duncan is a veteran of the U.S. Submarine Service and served in the National Guard from 1990-2000. Duncan's offices are located in the Cannon Health Building at 288 N. 1460 W., Salt Lake City, Utah.

